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1. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) AND NATIONAL DEPUTY MANUEL PENALVER HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY THE LABOR CAUCUS OF ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) FOR THE POWERFUL POSITION OF LABOR SECRETARY ON THE AD NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEN). NOMINATION BY THE LABOR CAUCUS IS TANTAMOUNT TO ELECTION. PENALVER AND HIS GROUP (CTV PRESIDENT JOSE VARGAS, ACTING LABOR SECRETARY ON THE AD CEN AUGUSTO MALAVE VILLALBA) ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF LUIS PINERUA ORDAZ IN HIS BID FOR THE AD SECRETARY GENERALSHIP, WHICH WILL BE DECIDED JULY 19 AT THE AD NATIONAL CONVENTION NOW IN PROGRESS. PENALVER'S OPPONENT IN THE LABOR CAUCUS, CTV EDUCATION SECRETARY ISMARIO GONZALEZ, SUPPORTS CARLOS CANACHE MATA FOR AD SECRETARY GENERAL. PENALVER'S NOMINATION IS AN IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR PINERUA SINCE THE LABOR CAUCUS TRADITIONALLY VOTES AS A BLOCK AT THE AD CONVENTION.

2. PENALVER'S NOMINATION UNDERSCORES THE "OLD GUARD'S CONTINUED ASCENDANCY WITHIN THE CTV, REINFORCING THE TRIUMPH OF JOSE VARGAS IN THE APRIL CTV CONGRESS. THE 'YOUNG TURKS" LED BY ISMARIO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GONZALEZ AND CARLOS LUNA (PRESS SECRETARY OF THE CTV AND LEADER

OF THE GRAPHIC ARTS WORKERS), WHILE DISAPPOINTED BY THEIR DOUBLE DEFEAT, ARE NOT DISCOURAGED AND INSIST THAT TIME IS ON THEIR SIDE. SIGNIFICANTLY, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ HAS AS IN APR AGAIN TRIED TO SOFTEN THE BLOW TO THE AMBITIONS OF THE YOUNGER LEADERS BY FREQUENTLY MEETING WITH THEM AND ASSURING THEM OF HIS PERSONAL ESTEEM.

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